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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

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AUGUST 28, 2022

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday-8:00 am Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda. neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away.



Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9

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We extend a special welcome to new parishioners. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith-life will grow. We also hope you will share your special gifts with your parish family. Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at www.saintjuniperoserra.org or by contacting the office.

The churches are open for private devotions:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Parish Office: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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Important Information

Baptisms: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

Prayer Line: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound: Your parish priests, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216

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SATURDAY VIGIL, August 27

4:00 p.m. Ronald Rodrigues by Family

SUNDAY, August 28

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. The Holy Souls of Purgaroty 9:00 a.m. Harmony Bolstridge by Stewart Family 11:00 a.m. Maria & Sebestiano Milluzzo, Vincenzo Monaco, Michaelangelo Zullo by Santo & Alfina Milluzo & Family

MONDAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. Daniel Bomaster by His Family **TUESDAY**, August 30 8:00 a.m. Muriel & Neil Soucy by Son, Warren Soucy WEDNESDAY, August 31 8:00 a.m. Carlo & Tullia Casalini by Children & Grandchildren THURSDAY, September 1 8:00 a.m. Rosemarie Dubiel by Mike & Sally Cianciolo

SATURDAY VIGIL, September 3

4:00 p.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex

SUNDAY, September 4 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Pauline Bilideau 9:00 a.m. Alevda Tabares 11:00 a.m. Father Daniel Sullivan by Bilas Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for THE FORGOTTEN SOULS OF PURGATORY If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna, Linda Nott, Donna Antaya. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list. **ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH**

St. John the Baptist

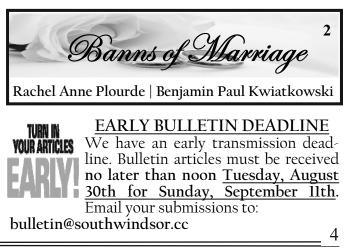
Question: What do we know about St. John the Baptist? Answer:

We know quite a lot about John the Baptist from the Gospels and other historical sources. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth through a graced postmenopausal conception (Luke 1). John would have been raised with an intimate knowledge of Jewish doctrine and religious practice, due to his father being a Levite priest. The Passion of Elizabeth i s "kinswoman" of Mary. While not in the same



nuclear family, the two were close enough that Mary would journey to spend several months with Elizabeth during her pregnancy. We don't know how close John and Jesus were as children, but they certainly knew of one another as cousins.

Luke 3 tells us he began his ministry in "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar," roughly 29 A.D. He lived as a hermit with clear ascetic practices, such as rough clothing and a simple vegetarian diet. Despite his remoteness, John's ministry was prophetic. People came from across the region to be baptized in water as a sign of repentance. John, however, continually pointed beyond himself to the one who was to come: Jesus Christ. John the Baptist's call to repentance extended to the rules of his day. John critiqued the local rulers, Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. Previously, Herodias had been married to Antipas' brother, Herod Philip, but had betrayed him, left him, and married his more powerful brother. John was arrested for the slight and was eventually executed (Mark 6). This martyrdom prophetically anticipates the trials that awaited Christ and his followers. In life and death, John the Baptist served as the herald of the Messiah. ©LPi





Dear Parishioners,

Little by little we have begun to return to our activities and ministries in the parish. Proof of this has been our picnic this weekend. We have worked as parish arranging everything necessary to be able to enjoy this event as a family. I want to thank everyone who has been part of this picnic, especially the Knights of Columbus, the Women's club, the Men's club, the children and youth of our Religious Education program, all those in charge of the sound system, the music band, all the donations we have received from Carter Cares, all people who have prepared the food, and all the volunteers. If we continue to work and pray together as family in Christ, we will be able to keep growing as a parish community. Your parish needs your presence, support, prayer and help!

Psalms 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

> May God bless you always! Fr. Jorge Castro

Our church choir will be starting up again for the new church year and in preparation for the holiday season. The choir sings every other week and rehearses on Thursdays from 7PM-8:30PM at SMM. Our first rehearsal is on



Thursday September 8th at SMM. All are welcome to come join! Please feel free to contact Bobby Dolan with any questions (robert.dolan@uconn.edu).

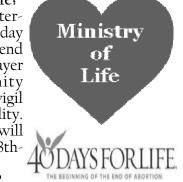
We have begun using a different version of the sung parts of the Mass (Glory To God, Holy, Amen, Lamb of God). We are introducing "The Mass of Spirit and Grace" which can be found in the hymnals, number 924 thru 932. We hope this reference will encourage all to join us in prayerful singing.

The Gifts at Mass

A friendly reminder- if you have scheduled a Mass intention you have the first option to bring up the gifts. Please introduce yourself to an usher before that Mass so they know who will be bringing up the gifts. Also, if you are willing to be a standby gift bearer on a holiday or in case the family opts out, please see an usher on your way in. Thank you, we appreciate your participation.

What is the 40 Days for Life? The 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40- day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and a peaceful vigil outside an abortion facility. This years 40 Days for Life will run from September 28th-November 6th.

How can you get involved?



The St. Junipero Serra Parish Ministry of Life will participate in the Hartford Archdiocese sponsored 40 Days for Life Campaign on Saturday, October 1st on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Sign -up sheets will be in the church vestibules starting September 3rd. Once you have signed up, you will then need to register at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/. If you have any questions, email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net.

By participating, you are helping to end the injustice of abortion. Join us as we pray to save the lives of the preborn.

The Women's Club will hold it's annual 1st membership meeting on Wed. Sept. 7th starting at 6:30 at St. Francis of Assisi Hall. Mark your calendar and join us if you would like to be a part of the the the



Women's Club and see how you can help the Parish Community and come make some new friends.

From Faith Formation Office.... St. Junipero Serra Parish / Faith Formation Classes will begin in September.



Register for Faith Formation registrants

Please remember to register your children as soon as possible as late may cause an increase

charge for class materials. Our class dates and program details can be found on our website. Registration Forms are also available on our website in addition to the entrances of both churches.

Please either mail or drop off the completed forms at the Saint Margaret Mary Rectory at 80 Hayes Rd.

There is a black mailbox outside the door and registrations can be dropped off there if done not during office hours.

We are having a Parent's Meeting for all families with children making their First Reconciliation (2nd graders) or First Eucharist(3rdGraders) in the 2022-2023 School Year. Monday, August 29th at 6:30 p.m. at SMM Church Hall. This is for parents only.

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We're collecting food this weekend. With your help St. Vincent de Paul Society will assist Head Start Families in Vernon, DCF Families in Manchester, local families we sup-

port and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.

We need volunteers to help with the household goods distribution for 4-5 hours on a Saturday morning - one weekend per month. If you can help please email president@societyhelpline.org

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email president@societyhelpline.org. Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share?

Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org



Need help or know someone else Ne're here who needs help? Post a request for webassistance on our site www.societyhelpline.org or

call 860 648-0216.

RIDE NEEDED TO MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY

A longtime parishioner from Berry Patch would like to attend Mass at St. Margaret Mary. If you are willing to help, please contact Ginger at the office at 860-644-2411 x101 for details. Thank you for your consideration.



St. Junipero Serra Parish Men's Club Golf Tournament Saturday, September 17th, 2022 8:00 AM Shotgun Start East Hartford Golf Club Format: Handicapped Team Scramble Cost is \$100 Per Person and includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Breakfast

Sandwich, and Buffet Dinner with Beer Keg Proceeds will fund Fr. Sherer Scholarship, Youth Group, and various other ministries of the Parish Raffle to Follow For more information Email Shawn Perry at shawn.perry88@gmail.com

Offertory of the weekend of 8/21/2022

will appear in our next week's bulletin.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets

every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm at SMM *Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

St Junipero Serra plans on starting an RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in

September. Do you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a catholic, perhaps already a catholic and in need of completing their Sacra-



ments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or just interested in learning more about their faith, *please contact Phil Smith at 860-644-0372.* We plan a gathering in September to explore interest and needs. This way we will be able to schedule meetings to best suit needs and to establish planned content. Please do your part as an evangelist to spread the Good News. Thank you for your time and attention.



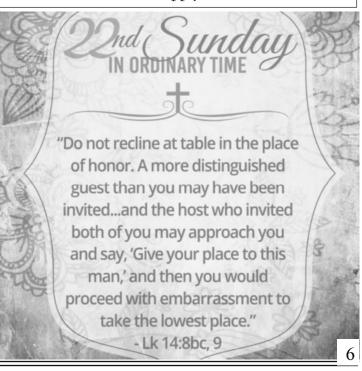
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